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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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(U) <u>USAMRMC Small Business Website, Phase I</u> (U) (MCMR-AAU) The Associate Director, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (ADSADBU) intends to unveil the USAMRMC Small Business Website within the next 10 days. A prototype version of the website is currently available via the following URL: http://www.emslab.com/webgallery/sadbu.htm. The registered URL is www.mrmc.smallbusopps.army.mil.

On October 29, 2003 the ADSADBU with the assistance of contractor support personnel (Mr. Jim Farr and Ms. Cara Heinrich) will introduce and preview the prototype in Conference Room 3, Building 820. Attendees invited to this preview include: Public Affairs Officer, Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting, Deputy for Business Operations, Acting Deputy for Business Management, Business Oversight Branch Representative, Information Management Representatives and CDMRP Representative. The preview is designed to provide attendees with background information, demonstrate some key features, request comments or feedback within 5 working days and describe the follow-on effort during Phase I.

The future launching of the USAMRMC Small Business Website is the culmination of approximately 5 months of extensive coordination, meetings and work between the USAMRMC ADSADBU, USAMRAA IMO Staff, Eagle Group International Inc. and Early Morning Software, Inc. Eagle Group International, Inc. is a Veteran—owned, SBA Certified 8(a) Certified Small Business. Early Morning Software is a SBA Certified 8(a), HUB Zone and Woman—Owned Small Business specializing in Software Engineering, Systems Engineering, and Consulting.

Phase I of the Website offers prospective small businesses as well as Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Minority Institutions, Hispanic Serving Institutions and Tribal Colleges and Universities much needed access to small business information and opportunities. A key component of Phase I is the 2003 HBCU/MI/HIS/TCU Capability Directory. The Capabilities Directory is an invaluable document that is designed to provide a state-by-state overview of medical research capabilities of HBCU/MI/HSI and TCU. Research Institutions are subcategorized into three areas: most significant medical and allied science research laboratory capabilities, intermediate and other.

Phase II will begin shortly after Phase I is completed and will include enhancements such as interactive training modules for businesses and HBCU/MI, HSI and TCU, USAMRMC Procurement Forecast and a small business database.

The ultimate goal is for the small business website to be utilized as a clearinghouse of information.

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